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FOR SSM KONTOS FROM THORNE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: POLICY ON FUEL PURCHASES

REF: A) SINAI 0680; B) STATE 063566

1. APPRECIATE THE THOUGHT THAT HAS GONE INTO REF B BUT WE
CANNOT ACCEPT DROPPING DOWN TO A FOUR DAY SUPPLY OF FUEL.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN PERIODS WHEN THE GYPTIANS WERE CONDUCTING
MANEUVERS WHEN IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN THE DAILY MAIL
RUN AND I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT NO OTHER RUNS WOULD BE PER-
MITTED. SINCE SENDING YOU REF A, I HAVE REVIEWED THIS WITH
GENERAL MAGDOUB AND FIND THAT THIS CONDITION WILL NOT CHANGE.
WE ARE MQYHXNTERING THE SAND STORM SEASON AND, GIVEN THE
PROBLEMS OF GETTING TANKERS THROUGH ORDINARILY, WE CAN
ANTICIPATE AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST, DELAYS WHILE WE WAIT FOR
SEGMENTS OF THE ROADS TO BE PLOWED. DURING PERIODS WHEN THE
IDF CONDUCTS MANEUVERS, AND THESE ARE BECOMING MORE FREQUENT,
NOT EVEN THE MAIL RUN IS PERMITTED TO GO TO TEL AVIV. HAVE
JUST BEEN ADVISED THAT MISR OF EGYPT CANNOT PROVIDE TANKERS
THAT CAN MAKE THE RUN SO THAT WE ARE AGAIN AT THE MERCY OF MOBIL
OF EGYPT.

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3. FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE CAN TAKE A
CHANGE ON MAINTAINING A MINIMUM RESERVE OF LESS THAN TEN DAYS
AND I PREFER 15. FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE CONTRACTOR HAS
ALWAYS CONSCIENTIOUSLY ADVISED MOBIL THAT WE WISH TO MAINTAIN
A MINIMUM RESERVE FIRST OF SEVEN DAYS AND THEN TEN. THE
DIFFICULTIES OUTLINED IN REF A HAVE CONTINUED REGARDLESS OF
THAT POLICY.

4. SUGGEST THAT SSM INSTRUCT E-SYSTEMS ON THE TEN-DAY BASIS
(AND RESERVE THE 15 THAT I HAVE REQUESTED) AND LET'S TRY IT.
IF WE RUN INTO MORE CLIFF HANGERS, WE WILL HAVE TO RAISE IT
BACK TO 15.
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